

## DREADNOUGHT TURNED ON SIDE, 300 DROWNED

Italian Navy Meets with a Severe Loss, but It Is Thought That the Leonardo Devinci Can Be Righted and Eventually Put Back into Commission

## ACCIDENT HAPPENED IN TARANTO HARBOR

Fire Broke Out in the Vessel's Kitchen, and Before the Magazines Could Be Flooded and the Vessel Beached a Great Explosion Listed the Ship

Paris, Aug. 15.—The Italian dreadnought Leonardo Devinci caught fire and blew up in the harbor of Taranto, Italy, and 300 of the crew were drowned, says a Turin despatch to Petit Journal. The date of the disaster was given only as a day in August.

The fire, says the despatch, was discovered in the dreadnought's kitchen and spread rapidly. The captain ordered the magazines flooded and tried to beach the battleship. One of the magazines exploded before this could be done, and the vessel turned over on the other side. A large number of the crew were thrown into the sea. It is believed that the battleship can be righted.

## BRITISH LOSE WAR VESSEL

Torpedo Boat Destroyer Lasso Torpedoed by German Submarine.

Berlin, via London, Aug. 15.—A German submarine torpedoed the British torpedo boat destroyer Lasso Sunday morning, according to an admiralty statement issued yesterday.

It is announced also that between Aug. 2 and 10, five British and French steamers and 10 British and French sailing craft were sent to the bottom by a German submarine.

The official statement says: "One of our submarines Sunday morning torpedoed in the British channel the British torpedo boat destroyer Lasso."

Another official announcement says: "One of our submarines torpedoed in the channel between the 2d and 10th of August seven British and three French sailing vessels and three British and two French steamers."

## FAVORABLE TO SALE

Lower Danish House Votes to Make the Deal.

Copenhagen, via London, Aug. 15.—The Folkething, or lower house of the Danish Parliament, yesterday voted in favor of selling the Danish West Indies to the United States, if a plebiscite favored the sale. The vote was 82 for the proposition to 44 against it, one member being denied a vote and six being absent.

Having taken this action, the Folkething took up the question of ratification of the treaty itself, providing for the sale of the islands. The number of votes cast for and against the treaty was the same as that upon the question of the sale.

The discussion in the Folkething turned upon the question whether the plebiscite or election, or both the election and the plebiscite, shall take place before reaching a settlement on the sale of the islands. Premier Zahle stated that if the elections should be necessary, the government would have to ask the American government if the matter could be postponed till the newly elected Rigsdag meets in November.

## ROBBED BY AUTOISTS

Maine Man Met with Reverse of the Usual Order.

Brunswick, Me., Aug. 15.—Chief of Police Stetson was notified last night that a man and a woman were traveling by automobile had held up Isaac Henry Snow, a well known fish warden, and robbed him of \$50, which Mr. Snow later recovered.

Mr. Snow was standing on the corner of Harpswell and Bath streets, waiting for an electric car when an automobile stopped in front of him and the man and woman got out and began asking questions regarding the road to this island.

The man suddenly stepped behind Mr. Snow and pinned both his arms behind his back, while the woman went through his pockets and removed his wallet containing the money. Mr. Snow struggled with the man and after wrenching him self clear struck him a blow in the face which felled him to the ground. Before he could get to his feet Mr. Snow ran after the woman who had reached the automobile, and succeeded in rescuing his money. Mr. Snow did not stop to secure the number of the automobile and a good description of the couple, being satisfied to escape with his money.

## SURDUED AFTER FIGHT

Disappointed Lover Had Tried for Death by Two Methods.

Portland, Me., Aug. 17.—Although Thomas Hope, aged 37, of Westbrook, took rat poison and then shot himself with a revolver because Mr. and Mrs. Ivory W. Dearborn refused permission for him to marry their 15-year-old daughter, he will live. He was subdued after a hard fight with the police.

## BRANDEIS DECLINES MEXICAN TASK

Tells President Wilson There Is So Much Work Ahead of Supreme Court He Feels He Must Decline Appointment.

Washington, D. C., Aug. 15.—Associate Justice Louis D. Brandeis of the supreme court informed President Wilson last night that because of the mass of business before the court he would be unable to accept the president's designation to serve on the joint commission which will attempt to solve the difficulties between the United States and Mexico.

Justice Brandeis conferred with the president and Attorney-General Gregory late in the day and the question of the justice's accepting was gone over thoroughly. Later the following letter from Justice Brandeis to the president was made public at the White House:

"My Dear Mr. President: I appreciate the opportunity for high service which membership on the Mexican commission would present. But upon consultation with the chief justice I find the state of the business of the supreme court at the present time to be such that it is my duty not to undertake this important constructive task."

The giving out of Justice Brandeis' letter was the first formal announcement that he had been offered the post, although it had been known definitely that the three men selected by the president for membership on the commission. The name of the third man has not been made public.

## MOTORMAN DEAD; PASSENGER HURT

Fred Roux of Rochester, N. H., Killed in Trolley Car Accident Near South Berwick, Me.—Car Left Track on Crossing.

South Berwick, Me., Aug. 15.—Fred Roux of Rochester, N. H., a motorman, was crushed to death and David Dube of Boston, a passenger, sustained a broken ankle when an open car left the track at a Great Works crossing. After running 100 feet on the ground the car was driven into a bank.

## GOMPERS "PUBLIC NUISANCE"

Declares Senator Sherman in Debate on Shipping Bill.

Washington, D. C., Aug. 15.—President Samuel Gompers of the American Federation of Labor was characterized as a "public nuisance" by Senator Sherman of Illinois, in a digression yesterday from a Senate speech on the shipping bill.

"There is no more tyrannical, outrageous injustice than that of leaders who live on the sweat of other people's brows," said Senator Sherman. "Mr. Gompers is a public nuisance."

Referring to the Indianapolis and Los Angeles dynamite trials Senator Sherman declared the federation president had "prostituted the cause of labor by using funds of laboring men for the defense of these criminals."

"Mr. Gompers never apologized to anybody," he continued. "But it was the most fortunate thing that ever happened to Mr. Gompers that he himself escaped indictment on these same charges."

"I've been owing this to Mr. Gompers for some time and I'm handing it to him now, and I'm responsible politically and personally."

## ROCKEFELLER PLAN CALLED FAILURE

Colorado Federation of Labor Head So Declares It—He Adds That Better Feeling Prevails Between Employers and Employees.

Colorado Springs, Aug. 15.—The so-called Rockefeller industrial plan adopted by the Colorado Fuel and Iron company, is declared an unqualified failure by John McLennan, president of the state federation of labor, in his annual report to the federation convention. Generally the report says, better feeling appears to prevail between the employer and employee.

## USE PARENTS' BLOOD

To Make Children Immune from Infantile Paralysis.

New York, Aug. 15.—Family physicians are advised today by Dr. Abraham Zingher to use the blood serum obtained from the parents as a method of rendering their children immune to infantile paralysis.

The theory upon which Dr. Zingher and his assistants are working is that the blood of normal adults contains antibodies which neutralize the virus of poliomyelitis.

## NURSES WERE HALTED

At Alburg While Coming from Canada to the United States.

Ottawa, Ont., Aug. 15.—The city authorities will make representations to Washington, it was announced yesterday respecting the treatment received by nurses from Ottawa who were last Friday refused admission to the United States, at Alburg, Vt., under the alien labor act. The nurses had been engaged by a New York hospital to help fight the infantile epidemic.

## FEARS POLIOMYELITIS

England Threatens to Put Up Bars Against Us.

London, Aug. 15.—The Times today urges the government to enforce a most rigid quarantine against infantile paralysis now prevalent in New York.

## SHIFT ATTACK TO VERDUN LINE

French Push Germans Back on Right Bank of the Meuse

## CAPTURE TRENCHES ON 300-YARD FRONT

Gain Was Made at Intersection of the Fleury and Vaux Roads

## AUSTRIAN TRENCHES ON TWO FRONTS ARE SEIZED

Official Statement at Rome Tells of Austrian Reverses on Carso Plateau East of Gorizia and Along the Isonzo River.

Rome, Aug. 15.—On the Carso plateau to the east of Gorizia and along the Isonzo front, in which the Germans have suffered further reverses at the hands of the Italians, says the war office statement, the Austrian entrenchments in both these regions have been captured.

## BRITISH REGAIN MOST OF TRENCHES

Drive Germans Back in Region Northeast of Pozieres, Where They Had Gained a Footing on Sunday.

London, Aug. 15.—Nearly all the remaining trenches northwest of Pozieres on the Somme front, in which the Germans gained a footing on Sunday, have been retaken, the war office announced today.

## RUSHING WESTWARD IN VAST HORDES

The Official Statement Issued at Petrograd Tells of Crossing Rivers and Advancing Along the Upper Strypa.

Petrograd, Aug. 15.—The rapid Russian advance in Galicia continues. The Russian troops are crossing to the western banks of the Zlota, Lipa, Bystritsa and Solotvina and they are advancing along the upper Strypa, the war office announced today.

## EMPEROR GOES EAST TO WATCH STRUGGLE

Will Endeavor to Lend Encouragement to Teutonic Armies Battling Against Russian Offensive.

Berlin, Aug. 15.—Emperor William is again on the eastern front, where the Austro-German armies are struggling to withstand the heavy strokes of the Russians.

## TEUTONS STILL RETREATING

Before the Advance of Russians in Galicia.

London, Aug. 15.—The Austrians and Germans in Galicia are still falling back before the advance of the Russians, who, according to Petrograd, have made additional gains along the Sereth, Zlota and Lipa rivers and have captured the strongly fortified town of Tustobyah northwest of the Dniester. On the upper Sereth, however, the Teutonic allies at some points of their newly-extended line are holding back the Russians with a vigorous artillery fire.

Berlin says that south of Brody, on the Lub and Graberka sector, Russian attacks were put down with heavy losses and that Russians who had penetrated Teutonic positions on the Zboroff-Konjucy line, northeast of Tarnopol, later were driven out and 300 of them made prisoners. According to Vienna a Russian attack southwest of Podkamien near Brody, ended with the field before the Austro-German positions covered with Russian dead.

No change took place Monday along either the British or French lines in France, but weather hindering the operations, which were confined almost exclusively to artillery duels. According to Berlin the British have been expelled from trenches over a front of 700 yards southwest of the Thiepval-Pozieres sector, which they occupied Sunday.

On the Isonzo front, according to Rome, the Italians have made still further advance against the Austrians along the Carso plateau and east of hill 212, in the latter sector another line of trenches having been penetrated and more men made prisoners. In the Gorizia sector Rome says the Austrian guns are being heavily employed against the Italians. Here, according to Vienna, seven charges by the Italians were put down by the Austrians.

Petrograd reports a continuation of the Turkish offensive on the Persian frontier, but asserts that a retreat of the Turks has been forced on the southwestern bank of Lake Van. Turkish Armenia, through the fire of the Russian batteries on the lake, the Turkish war office says the Russians in Persia continue to

be driven back by the Ottoman forces and that in Armenia, north of Bitlis, the Turks have made a further advance. The British torpedo boat destroyer Lasso, has been sunk by a German submarine.

## HUGHES TALKED TO WOMEN

Saluted Them as "Fellow Citizens" at Spokane, Wash.

Spokane, Wash., Aug. 15.—Charles E. Hughes yesterday addressed his first audience composed solely of women voters. They heard him in the first of two speeches delivered here. Mr. Hughes touched upon suffrage and his views concerning it, and reiterated to a large extent attacks on the administration made at Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, yesterday.

"I speak to you women as I do to men," the nominee said. "I did not come here to make a different kind of speech from the kind I make to men. I know you are solicitous about the welfare of this country. There is no doubt that the heart of womanhood is patriotic all through."

Mr. Hughes' salutation of the women as "fellow citizens" was applauded. He told them he was interested in "good national housekeeping" and the means of effecting it.

"We must have in this country a different notion about the conduct of our business than we have had in the years gone by," he said. "This world is not the world of even 25 years ago. This world is a world that has found itself. It has found itself in the depression of a terrible Gettysburg. Horrible as is the spectacle of war, frightful as is the waste, we cannot look upon them without realizing that a new Europe is emerging from this struggle. We cannot contemplate the conditions of the 20th century without knowing that there is to be a new spirit in the United States if our prosperity is to have a firm foundation. It must be a spirit which demands efficient, impartial government in the interests of all the people."

"It is easy for some to become enthusiastic when the bands are playing and the flags unfurled, when they hear the strains of the national anthem and the crowds are around them. But we must have a new spirit of enthusiasm in the land, a new spirit of administration, the spirit of patriotism in the administration of government. That is the hardest lesson for popular government to learn. Every day in the year is a more severe test of patriotism than the Fourth of July."

## RETURNED TO ASYLUM

Louis R. Fisher Taken Back to Massachusetts—Suffering Delusions.

St. Johnsbury, Aug. 15.—Late Sunday night Officer Coburn took into custody Louis R. Fisher of Westbury, Mass., who has been stopping in St. Johnsbury since April, when he was released from the insane ward of the Massachusetts state hospital at Westboro, Mass., on a six months' parole. Late Sunday afternoon Fisher was seen attempting to regulate traffic on different streets about town, under the delusion that he was a traffic officer. He interfered with no one, as motorists paid no attention to him.

Later he was taken to the police station and kept until Monday morning, when Officer Coburn took him as far as Lowell, Mass., where the authorities from the Westboro institution met and took him in charge.

Since coming to St. Johnsbury in the spring Fisher has acted queerly at times, although it was not very perceptible until lately.

During the early summer he was employed as a laborer by Clarence Weeks. When the recruits were called for border service Fisher enlisted with Co. D but was turned down in the examination at Fort Ethan Allen. He returned to St. Johnsbury, where lately it has not been known where he stayed or worked.

## DEMOCRATS OPEN IN MAINE

Samuel J. Graham Says Wilson Has Kept Country at Peace.

Portland, Me., Aug. 15.—The Democratic campaign opened in this city last night with a rally, the principal speaker of which was Samuel J. Graham, assistant attorney general of the United States.

Mr. Graham claimed for the administration that it had promoted progress, that it had brought prosperity, that it had kept the country out of war at a time when the world was aflame with war and red with blood.

"The administration," he declared, "has kept the country at peace and put an end to the U-boat war causing the most militant figure in the world to concede to its demands in this regard without the firing of a gun or the shedding of a drop of blood."

## COMES HOME ON LEAVE

Capt. A. A. Skeels Has Been Serving in Royal Army Medical Corps.

St. Albans, Aug. 15.—Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Skeels of this city have received a telegram from their son, Dr. A. A. Skeels, formerly of this city, now a captain in the Royal Army Medical Corps of England, bearing news that he was sailing for home from England on a leave of absence. Capt. Skeels, who has been stationed with the expeditionary forces of the allies at Saloniki, was promoted recently from lieutenant to captain and assigned for another year in the English service.

## HAND CUT OFF

James Griffin of Burlington Caught in Knives.

Burlington, Aug. 15.—James Griffin of 77 Rose street had his right hand cut off at the brush factory on Pine street this morning at 1:30 o'clock. He was operating a cutting machine when his foot slipped and his hand was caught in the knives. Griffin was taken immediately to the Mary Fletcher hospital in the police ambulance.

## INCREASE MILK RATES

Dairymen of Four States Meet to Name Prices.

Middletown, N. Y., Aug. 15.—Dairymen of four states met here yesterday and planned a movement for higher milk prices. They came from New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania and Connecticut.

A. A. Hartshorn of Hamilton, N. Y., was elected president of the dairymen's league, to succeed John Y. Gerow, of Washingtonville, N. Y.

## TROOPS TO STAY AT HOME

Remainder of the Militia of the United States, Numbering About 25,000 Men, Will Not Be Sent to the Mexican Border, Recent Order Having Been Revoked

## MEN WILL BE KEPT IN STATE CAMPS

No Official Explanation Has Been Given, but the Delicacy of the Railroad Strike Situation Is Said to Have Been a Moving Consideration in the Case

San Antonio, Tex., Aug. 15.—The order for the remainder of the country's militia, about 25,000 men, to proceed to the border has been revoked, according to announcement at the southern department headquarters today. The war department notified headquarters that the troops would continue to be held in state mobilization camps.

No official explanation is made, but it is known that the delicacy of the railroad strike situation has been a moving consideration.

The suspension ordered prevents the immediate movement of troops from Vermont, Kentucky and Ohio. Some of the Vermont troops were ready to go. The suspension is not a revocation of the order. If the strike situation clears, the troops will be moved to the border.

There is a possibility that some of the troops, in the event of a strike, might be called upon to guard or operate mail trains and trains supplying troops already on the border.

## EQUIPMENT SENT Vermont Recruits at Fort Ethan Allen to Be Supplied.

Burlington, Aug. 15.—Notice has been received at Fort Ethan Allen that shipments of equipment have started from government depots. Adjt. Gen. Lee S. Tillotson declined to say from what depots in particular. He did say, though, that he expected the things needed within a day or two. There is no truth to a report that the mosquito bars required, one for each man, may be made in the city, so far as known. There is no concern here, says the adjutant general, capable of making them. Permission has been requested to obtain the equipment elsewhere than from the government if necessary.

## ARGUED OVER COFFEE; ONE MAN KILLED

Salem Man Was Stabbed with Knife and Died an Hour After Receiving His Wound—His Assailant Arrested.

Salem, Mass., Aug. 15.—James Germon was shot in the heart with a table knife after an argument over a cup of coffee and died half an hour later. Michael Lopo was arrested and held on a charge of murder.

## ACCUSED OF ASSAULT

Amos Liberty of Burlington Practically Admitted Guilt.

Burlington, Aug. 15.—Amos Liberty was arrested last night on a warrant made out by State's Attorney T. E. Hopkins, charging criminal assault. Liberty, a man about 60 years of age, is charged with having made a criminal assault upon Della Root, the 13-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer E. Root, whose home is at the corner of Park and Myrtle streets. The assault is alleged to have been committed on July 13. The man practically admitted his guilt to the officer who placed him under arrest. Liberty, who lived at the house, is said to have taken advantage of an opportunity offered when both of the girl's parents were away.

## TALK OF THE TOWN

William Wentworth of Montpelier, arrested last night on an intoxication charge, was getting ready to pay the minimum fine and costs for his transgression this morning, when Probation Officer Charles A. Smith of the capital dropped into police headquarters. He recognized in Wentworth a minor, who was convicted last fall of complicity in the theft of \$150 worth of shoes in Montpelier and then placed on probation. Having misinterpreted his age on the occasion of his first arraignment before Acting Magistrate A. A. Sargent, Wentworth was brought before the court again and asked to disclose. He told of buying three glasses of beer in a first-class establishment. Wentworth will serve ten days in the county jail for his intoxication offense and then a sentence of 2½ years in the house of correction for the larceny offense will become operative.

## AUTOMOBILES COLLIDED

Baby in One of Them Was Cut by Glass from Broken Windshield.

An automobile operated by Russell Allen, an agent, struck a Ford runabout owned by F. W. Bellville of Williams-town last evening at 8 o'clock, the accident occurring near the water fountain at the junction of Elm, Washington and North Main streets. Little Bernita Bellville, who, with her mother, was riding in the runabout with Mr. Bellville, received several cuts about the face when the jar of collision shattered the windshield. She was taken to the office of Dr. W. D. Reid and then to see Dr. D. C. Jarvis. Seven stitches were required to close one of the cuts and other abrasions had to be dressed.

Allen was driving a Chalmers touring car from the main thoroughfare into Washington street and Mr. Bellville was emerging from Elm street with his car headed for the south end when the Chalmers came against the rear of the runabout. Several spokes in one of the rear wheels of the smaller car were shattered along with the windshield, but attention was immediately diverted from the damage to the car to the care of the child, who was rushed to the doctor's office.

The driver of the Ford car states that his auto was moving slowly, as he had in mind the dangers attendant upon the operation of autos on the corner where the collision occurred. A street car was anchored on the Washington street line and probably served to complicate matters. Other motor vehicles were in the vicinity and many people who witnessed the accident seemed to have a single opinion in the matter of assigning responsibility for the accident. The little Bellville girl was taken to her home, near the Graniteville line, later in the evening. Her condition is not considered serious, although it will take some time for the abrasions on her face to heal.

## CAR ROLLED OVER TWICE

H. F. McGowan Severely Injured on Highway Road.

Fairfield, Aug. 15.—The condition of H. F. McGowan, who was injured in an automobile accident Sunday night, remains about the same. While he was driving on the Highway road near St. Albans, the car went over a steep embankment, turned over twice and landed right side up. Mr. McGowan was hit by parts of the car and was severely injured about the chest and received other minor injuries.

He was accompanied by Miss Doris Babcock of Tendy, N. J., who escaped with only slight injuries.

## GIRL INSTANTLY KILLED

When Automobile Skidded and Went Into Ditch.

Scarborough, Me., Aug. 15.—Margaret Whipple of Portland was instantly killed last night when an auto in which she and Reuben Higgins of South Portland were riding, skidded and went into a ditch. Her neck was broken. Higgins was pinned beneath the car but not seriously injured.

## VOLUNTEERS SAVED THE CREAMERY

Formed Bucket Brigade at West Berkshire and Put Out Threatening Fire on the Roof.

West Berkshire, Aug. 15.—The creamery building of O. D. Phelps was damaged by a fire which started early yesterday afternoon on the roof of the building, probably from a spark from the chimney. A fire extinguisher was used and a continuous stream of water was thrown upon the blaze by means of a bucket brigade from Pike river nearby. Men and women formed the line and passed the water along to the roof, a large number of people having responded to the alarm. Many came from Enosburg Falls and Franklin.

The assistance thus rendered saved the building, although the roof was burned from the boiler-room and from the churning room and some butter tubs were damaged by smoke and water. The loss is estimated between \$300 and \$400.

## FIRE AT SUMMER RESORT

Hotel at Lake Quinsigamond Was Destroyed—Guests Lost Property.

Worcester, Mass., Aug. 15.—Fire which started in the kitchen late yesterday destroyed the Edgemere hotel, the largest resort at Lake Quinsigamond and a famous gathering place of politicians and sportsmen for many years. The loss is estimated at between \$10,000 and \$15,000. The building was owned by the Worcester Land Development company and was partly insured. Early this summer it was leased to George E. Williams for five years.

It was a two and one-half story structure with 20 rooms. When the fire was discovered there were about 15 guests in the hotel, besides a number of persons who were passing the day there. Many of the guests lost all their belongings, while the 15 employees lost everything except the clothes they were wearing.

Assisted by cottagers and campers near the hotel the employees removed all the silverware and practically all the furniture on the ground floor.

The fire was discovered by employees working on the upper floor. They saw smoke issuing from the section near the kitchen and spread the alarm. The blaze was fought with pail extinguishers and cottagers and campers formed a bucket brigade. The flames spread so rapidly that all attention was soon directed to saving property in the part of the building not on fire. The Shrewsbury fire department was called and apparatus from Worcester was summoned. Water was pumped from the lake, but the fire had reached such proportions that all efforts to get the blaze under control were futile.

The exploding of a large tank containing kerosene caused excitement, as several of the men engaged in fighting the fire were nearly caught in the streams of burning oil. It was feared that a tank holding 300 gallons of gasoline would explode, and this kept hundreds of curious persons at a safe distance from the building. The fact that the tank was buried deep in the ground prevented an explosion.

The fire spread to the water tower, but that structure was saved, as were a number of buildings and cottages in the park.

## 8-HR. DAY MAY BE GIVEN

Railroad Men Said to Be Ready to Grant It, Providing Concessions Are Made by Employes So That Burden on Railroads Will Not Be Too Heavy

## PRES. WILSON TALKS WITH MANAGERS

Later He Will Confer with the Representatives of the Brotherhoods—Working Out of the Plan for Eight-Hour Day May Be Left to the Interstate Commerce Commission

Washington, D. C., Aug. 15.—After the committee of the railroad managers had had another conference with President Wilson today it became known that a proposal was under consideration by which the railroads would accept the principle of an eight-hour day and leave the working out of its application to the interstate commerce commission or some body formed for the purpose.

Whether this plan can be worked out will not be known till the president presents it to the brotherhood leaders. The railroads are understood to be ready to concede the principle of the eight-hour day, providing concessions be made by the employes so that too heavy burden will not be placed upon the railroads. The men take the stand that they principally want the eight-hour day on condition that it shall be enforced whenever possible. The railroads are said to believe that it is impossible to accept the eight-hour day unless a workable system of application can be built up. Later in the day representatives of the brotherhoods will confer with the president.

The brotherhood officials did not appear to be optimistic over the likelihood of the proposal proving acceptable. If such a proposition is tendered they could only refer it to the general board composed of 400 committee chairmen now in New York.

## BOSTON'S PROSPECTS

Would Be Practically Starved Out Inside of Week.

Boston, Aug. 15.—Should a general strike of railway employes be called resulting in a tie-up on the three trunk lines running into Boston, this city would be practically starved out in less than a week.

This statement was made last night by a number of leading wholesale provision dealers.

Never in the nation's history, these men declare, has New England faced such a serious crisis. Not only is the food situation at stake, but hundreds of thousands of mill and factory employes would be thrown out of work if a strike of over a week's duration were declared.

At present the fresh meat supply in Boston is only sufficient to last three days. Walter S. Glidden, manager of the Boston branch of one of the largest meat houses in America, said last night that in less than a week's time with the railroad service crippled, all New England would be without fresh meat.

"At present," declared Mr. Glidden, "Boston storage plants are almost empty. This condition is chiefly due to existing high prices and hot weather. We are receiving on an average of three carloads of fresh meat a day, which is only sufficient to meet our regular demands. While there is a fairly good supply of smoked meats, such as ham and bacon, on the market, I do not believe the supply would last more than 10 days."

Mr. Glidden does not anticipate any further advance in prices in the event of a strike.

## STRIKE RENEWAL THREATENED

If New York Railways Company Does Not Reinstatement Men Discharged.

New York, Aug. 15.—Renewal of the strike on the surface car lines of the New York Railways company, which employ